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SUBJ: TERRORIST INCIDENTS IN ISRAEL

1. PAST WEEK HAS SEEN SPATE OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS IN ISRAEL WHICH HAVE TO DATE FORTUNATLY RESULTED IN ONLY MINOR INJURIES. ON JULY 16 HAND GRENADES WITH DELAYED FUSES WERE DISCOVERED IN TWO HAIFA MOVE HOUSES. GRENADES HAD BEEN PLACED IN PLASTIC BAGS BUT WERE DISCOVERED AND DISARMED BEFORE THEY COULD DO ANY DAMAGE. PRESS STATED THAT FIVE ARABS, THREE FROM WEST BANK AND TWO FROM ISRAEL, WERE DETAINED IN CONNECTION WITH INCIDENTS. ON SAME DAY, IDF SOLDIER WAS STABBED AT TOMB OF PATRIARCHS IN HEBRON AND HIS MACHING GUN STOLEN. SUSPECT WAS ARRESTED NEXT DAY AND REPORTEDLY CONFESSED TO STABBING. ON JULY 18 HAND GRENADE SIMILAR TO THOSE FOUND IN HAIFA WAS DISCOVERED AT TIBERIUS BUT WAS DISARMED BEFORE IT WENT OFF. LATEST INCIDENT WAS EXPLOSION OF SMALL BOMB IN WEST JERUSALEM (JERUSALEM 780) WHICH RESULTED IN MINOR INJURIES TO FIVE INDIVIDUALS.

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2. ISRAELI AUTHORITIES HAVE ISSUED USUSAL WARNINGS TO PUBLIC

CONCERNING SUSPICIOUS OBJECTS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND HAVE SET UP POLICE ROAD BLOCKS NEAR GAZA AND ON ROADS LEADING TO MAJOR CITIES. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, SECURITY OFFICIALS HAVE WARNED THAT AN INCREASE IN TERRORIST ACTIVITY IS TO BE EXPECTED OVER NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS AND ATTRIBUTED THIS EXPECTED RISE IN INCIDENTS TO SUMMER VISITOR PROGRAM AND RETURN TO OCCUPIED TERRITORIES OF STUDENTS STUDYING IN ARAB COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT: LATEST SPATE OF INCIDENTS PLUS WARNINGS BY SECURITY OFFICIALS IS REMINISCENT OF LAST SUMMER DURING WHICH TIME TERRORIST INCIDENTS WERE ON UPSWING BOTH WITHIN ISRAEL AND IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THIS SEEMS TO BE RECURRING PATTERN AND IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO SEVERAL FACTORS: SUMMER VISITOR PROGRAM AS ISRAELIS HAVE POINTED OUT, CELLS OF FEDAYEEN SYMPATHIZERS WHICH OCCUASIONALLY BECOME ACTIVE AND ARAB STUDENTS ON SUMMER VACATION. ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN NO SERIOUS INJURIES TO DATE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME MAY OCCUR. ISRAELI AUTHORITIES APPEAR TO HAVE PLANNED AHEAD AND HAVE TAKEN PRECAUTIONS WHICH WILL HELP TO RELIEVE PROBLEMS. ALTHOUGH INCIDENTS ARE BOTHERSOME, EMBASSY BELIEVES ISRAELIS ARE NOT UNDUELY WORRIED AND ARE CONFIDENT THEY CAN HANDLE

SITUATION. END COMMENT.  
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